

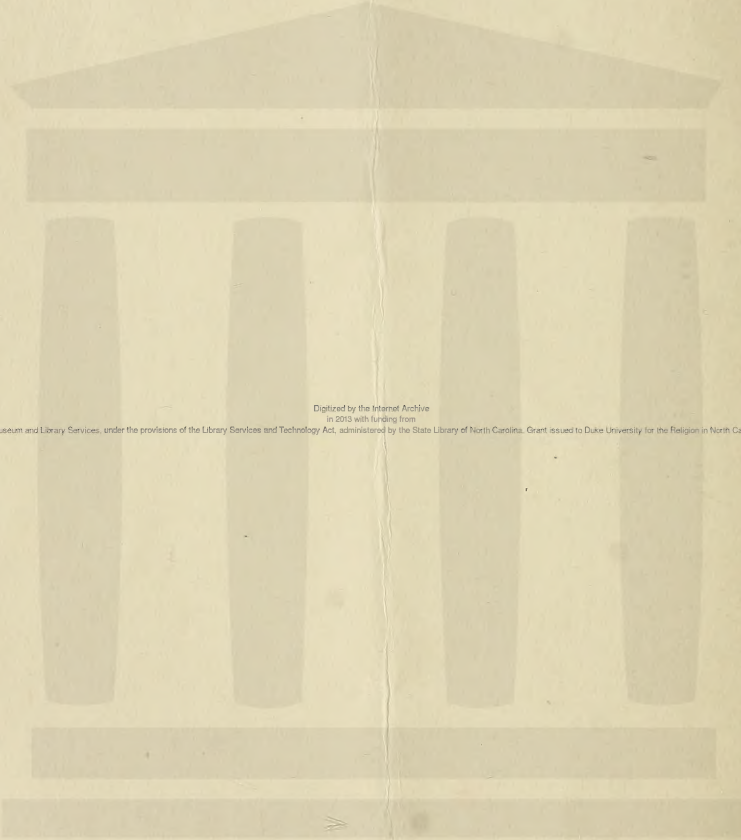
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MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF REGULAR BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
Roaring River Church
Wilkes County
October 2, 3, and 4th, 1959

R. F. HARROLD, Moderator **Hays, N. C.**

CHARLIE MILES, Sec.-Treas. **Elkin, N. C.**

The next session will convene with Oak Level Church, near Austin, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M., before the first Sunday in October, 1960. Elder W. E. Hicks, Jr., to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Ranzy Harrold, Alternate.



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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Barker, M. F.	Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Barker, B. H.	Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Barker, Olin	Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Billings, J. I.	Hays, N. C.
Burcham, C. C.	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, R. A.	Jonesville, N. C.
Dameron, Ivan	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Dillard, M. C.	Hays, N. C.
Harrold, J. C.	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, R. F.	Hays, N. C.
Harrold, Ranzy	Hays, N. C.
Hanks, McKinley	Hays, N. C.
Hicks, W. E., Jr.	Traphill, N. C.
Holbrook, Dewey	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Miles, Charlie	109 Rosedale Drive, Elkin, N. C.
Norman, Spencer	Thurmond, N. C.
Sidden, A. C.	Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Taylor, George	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton	Dobson, N. C.
Harrold, John A.	Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Spicer, J. M.	Thurmond, N. C.
Wood, Kenneth	Roaring Gap, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of
REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Roaring River Baptist Church, Wilkes County, N. C., October 2, 3 and 4, 1959.

Song Service conducted by Brother Sherman Roupe.

Services introduced by Elder A. C. Sidden, by reading 19th Psalm. Prayer by Elder Don K. Smith.

Introductory Sermon by Elder R. A. Cox. Text: Matthew 3:8, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance."

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house.

Song Service conducted by Brother Sherman Roupe.

Moderator called on Elder Charlie Wooten to open the Association, who called for three verses of "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Elder Wooten.

Called for Associational Letters. 15 were handed in and read by the Clerk.

On motion invited newly constituted Churches or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

On motion elect Elder R. F. Harrold, Moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk and Brother F. A. Royall, Assistant Clerk by acclamation. Motion carried by rising vote of the delegation.

On motion we invite correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us. A letter from the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County, N. C., was handed in and the following were seated: Elders Don K. Smith and A. C. Wooten, Brethren Carl Andrews and Carey Brown.

On motion invite Transients and Visitors of our faith and order. Elder J. C. Harrold and Elder John I. Billings came forward and were seated.

On motion empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

The following appointments were made:

Ministry: B. C. Speaks, Barney Teague, A. M. Holbrook.

Finance: E. M. Wiles, G. M. Royall, Maynard Norman.

Arrangements: J. N. Royall, J. H. Stamper, T. A. Miles, Robert Barker, Curtis Johnson

On motion Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents be invited to sit with this committee.

Obituaries: C. C. Sidden, Mack Holbrook, M. C. Dillard.

Temperance: Brett Hawkins, A. P. Harrold, Watson Durham.

Resolutions: M. A. Blackburn, Ira Billings, Charlie Stamper.

Time, Place and Preacher: Tracy Shumate, Bland Lowe, Buell Warren.

To write corresponding letter: F. A. Royall.

Committee on Ministry report for tonight: Elder Bill Hicks to open, 1st. to preach, Elder C. C. Burham; 2nd., Elder M. C. Dillard.

On motion adjourn until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow

Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Closing prayer: Elder J. C. Harrold.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Song Service conducted by Elder R. A. Cox.

Services introduced by Elder Bill Hicks, reading selected verses from Hebrews 1 and 2. Prayer by Sister Annie Cox.

1st. Sermon, Elder A. C. Sidden. Text: 2nd Kings 4:26, "Is it well with thee, is it well with thy husband, is it well with the child."

2nd. Sermon, Elder Charlie Miles. Text: Exodus 12:26, "What mean ye by this service."

Benediction by Brother John A. Harrold.

SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Song Service 20 Minutes.

Services introduced by Elder Ranzy Harrold, reading St. Luke 17:1-4.

Prayer by Elder Harrold

Called for report of Committee on Arrangements, report handed in and read and on motion receive the report and discharge the brethren.

1. Called Roll.

2. Read minutes of yesterday. On motion we receive the same.

3. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

4. Extended an invitation to Correspondents of our faith and order. The following Brethren from the Union Association came forward and were seated: Jesse Royall, W. S. McKnight, Elmer Andrews, Paul Andrews and Robert Sparks.

5. Extended an invitation to Transients and Visitors of our faith and order: Elder Ranzy Harrold, Brethren Joe Higgins, F. M. Joines, W. E. Baker and Floyd Halsey.

Sisters Ola Higgins, Rex Royall, Annie Cox, Mary Royall, Flora Jolly, Irene Royall, Laura Harrold and Alie Wood, came forward and were welcomed.

6. On motion elect the Clerk, Treasurer, instruct him to have

1,000 minutes printed, distribute them according to contribution and have \$30.00 for his services.

7. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They report:

We your Committee on Temperance, advise our churches to be temperate in all things pertaining to the teaching of God's word. We recommend that our Ministers and Deacons and Sunday School teachers use the King James version of the Bible, as we believe it is the true Word of God and not to sway from it.

We advise Christian people to wholly abstain from strong drink and teach our children and young people not to drink any strong drink.

To teach the pure and undefiled Word of God and hold fast to the faith that was delivered to the Saints.

WATSON DURHAM,
BRETT HAWKINS,
A. P. HARROLD, Committee.

Report received.

8. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report. They report 19 handed in, with three pictures at \$5.00 each. Total \$15.00. Report received and obituaries with pictures ordered printed.

C. C. SIDDEN
MACK HOLBROOK
M. C. DILLARD, Committee

9. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report:

1. We thank God that we have met again in peace and fellowship.
2. We advise our churches to be careful and stick to the old platform of religion and not be led astray by false doctrine.
3. We advise our churches to visit the sick, widows, and needy and to administer to their needs.
4. We advise our brethren and sisters to attend their church meeting regularly and stand by their Pastors.
5. We humbly thank God for the many precious blessings and the Christian correspondence.
6. We advise the churches not to invite any church to Sacrament who does not practice feet washing according to the teaching of the New Testament Scriptures.
7. We thank God for His blessings during the past year and for this, another Association, also we extend our thanks for the hospitality shown in this community. May we endeavor to live in fellowship and peace always and work for the Kingdom of God.

IRA D. BILLINGS,
M. A. BLACKBURN,
CHARLIE STAMPER, Committee

Report received.

10. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report:

Friday night, 7:00 p. m.
To open: Elder Bill Hicks.
1st. Elder C. C. Burcham.
2nd. Elder M. C. Dillard.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.
1st. Elder John I. Billings.
2nd. Elder Olin Barker.
3rd. Elder J. C. Harrold.

Saturday, 7:00 p. m.
1st. Elder M. F. Barker.
2nd. Elder Ranzy Harrold.
3rd. Brother Earl Baker.

Sunday, 10:00 a. m.
1st. Elder Ivan Dameron
2nd. Elder Spencer Norman.
3rd. Elder R. F. Harrold.

B. C. SPEAKS
BARNEY TEAGUE
A. M. HOLBROOK, Committee.

Report received.

11. Called for Corresponding Letter and appointed Correspondents.

Corresponding Letter 1959

We, The Primitive Baptist Association now in session with Roaring River church, Wilkes County, N. C., having so enjoyed the christian fellowship of your brethren and desiring to continue the same by our correspondence with your Association, have chosen the following Brethren to bear this letter to you:

Elders R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles, Ivan Dameron, Spencer Norman, M. C. Dillard, R. A. Cox, Ranzy Harrold.

Brethren: G. M. Royal, J. N. Royal, F. A. Royal, B. F. Norman, Ira Billings, Maynard Norman, Leo Golden, Marvin Royal, Tracy Shumate, Kenneth Wood.

We hope that their presence will prove a blessing to you. We have greatly appreciated the presence of your brethren with us.

Love and peace seems to abound with us and we hope that it will always continue in our Association and in yours also. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

F. A. ROYAL, Committee.

Report received.

12. Called on Correspondents of last year to report. Elders Charlie Miles, Spencer Norman, R. A. Cox, M. F. Barker; Brethren

G. M. Royall, J. N. Royal, F. A. Royal, B. F. Norman, Leo Golden, Earnest Wood, report having attended and were received with welcome and love. They reported a joyful session and expressed a desire to attend again.

On motion receive the report discharge the brethern and excuse those who failed. Motion carried.

13. Called on Committee on Finance to report.

They report received from the churches, \$176.81.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report: They report the next session will convene with Oak Level Church, to commence on Friday, at 11:00 a.m. before the first Sunday in October, 1960. Elder W. E. Hicks to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Ranzy Harrold, Alternate.

BUELL WARREN,
BLAND LOWE,
TRACY SHUMATE, Committee.

Report received.

15. On motion we withdraw from Antioch church for non-representation.

16. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reports:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1958

Balance from 1957	none
Received from the churches	\$153.85
Received for four pictures	20.00
Total	\$173.85
Paid for printing minutes	\$153.00
Clerks fees	30.00
Total	\$183.00
Balance due Association	none

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1958.

Collection taken to repay \$9.15 due Treasurer of last year. Amount \$40.22, balance \$31.07 to be placed in the Treasury.

17. Is there any other business? On motion we include the hour of church conference in all church letters, the same to be printed in our minutes.

18. On motion dispense with reading minutes of today.

19. On motion adjourn to time and place of next year.

Association closed by prayer by Elder Ivan Dameron.

ELDER R. F. HARROLD, Moderator.
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

SATURDAY 1:30 P.M.

Song Service: 20 minutes.

Services introduced by Brother John A. Harrold, reading, Hebrews 2:1-11.

Prayer by Elder John Adams

1st. Sermon Elder John I. Billings, Text: St. John 1-8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

2nd. Sermon Elder J. C. Harrold, Text: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Moderator.

SATURDAY NIGHT 7:00

Song Service: 20 minutes.

Services introduced by Elder D. C. Miller, by reading St. John 14:27-31.

Prayer by Elder R. A. Cox.

1st. Sermon by Elder Ranzy Harrold, Text: St. Luke 2:12, "And this shall be a sign unto you."

2nd. Sermon. Elder John Adams, Text: Matthew 7:13, Enter ye in at the straight gate.

Song: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Benediction by Moderator.

SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Song Service: 30 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder Ivan Dameron, Text: Judges 13:25. And the spirit of the Lord began to move him. Prayer by Elder, M. F. Barker.

2nd. Elder Spencer Norman. Text: Psalms 8:4. What is man that thou art mindful of him.

3rd. Elder R. F. Harrold. Text: Isaiah 59:2. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God.

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Raymond Miles.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Austin: Granville Lyon, Boyd Caudill, Watson Durham, B. C. Speaks.

Bethany: M. A. Blackburn, E. M. Wiles, John S. Blackburn.

Double Creek: A. M. Holbrook.

Garden Creek: M. C. Brown, Eudemma McGrady, Nora W. Gilliam.

Liberty Knob: J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, Kenneth Wood, Clay Royal.

Mining Ridge: Cabel Cox, Leo Golden, Maynard Norman, Ira Billings, Marvin Royal.

Mountain Valley: C. A. Stamper, J. H. Stamper, Charlie Stamper.

New Covenant: T. A. Miles, Tracy Shumate, Albert Miles, Reid Miles.
Oak Level: Robert Barker, M. F. Barker, L. W. Wood.

Rachel: Curtis Johnson, Abner Caudill, Carl Wood, John A. Johnson,
Carl Howard.

Roaring River: A. C. Sidden, Bill Hicks, R. A. Sidden, Buell Warren,
C. C. Sidden.

Round Hill: Bland Lowe, Mack Holbrook, Bill Triplett, Lura Wiles,
Trusty Pruitt.

Round Mountain: M. C. Dillard, C. C. Burcham, J. S. Roupe, A. C.
Brown.

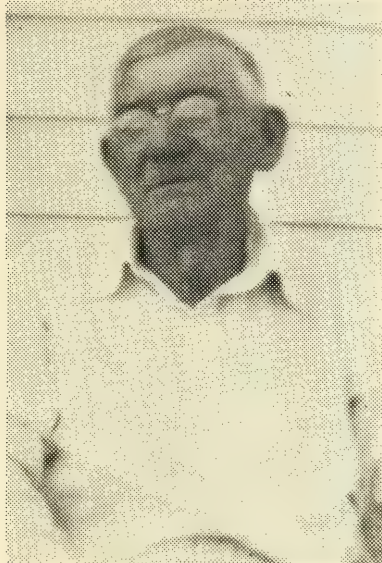
Union: Charlie Miles, Dorothy Royal, Connie Church, Quentin Hawkins,
Brett Hawkins.

Zion: Grant E. Dillard, R. F. Harrold, John A. Harrold, Barney Teague,
A. P. Harrold.

OBITUARIES

CALVIN MONROE SHUMATE

Calvin Monroe Shumate, son of the late Toliver and Millison Ellis Shumate was born April 20, 1887. Departed this life September 1, 1959, making his stay on earth, 72 years, 4 months, 12 days.



He was a retired farmer, having spent his life in the Dehart and Hays community.

He professed faith in Christ and united with the New Covenant Baptist Church, August, 1946, where he remained a faithful member until death.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Combs. To this union was born 13 children; one son and daughter preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, six daughters and five sons; 24 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers and one sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a loving devoted husband and father and was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral service was conducted at New Covenant Church by the

Rev. Arthur Gambill, the Rev. Ernest Blevins and the Rev. Birch Handy. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Remember friends as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now you soon shall be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

Written by request, Rev. Arthur Gambill.

CHARLIE WOOD

Charlie Wood, son of the late James and Martha Edna Wood, was born August 25, 1876, died May 21, 1959. Age 82 years, 8 months, and 26 days.

He married Bertha Cothren, January 1, 1898. To this union was born 7 children, 5 boys, Everett, James, Marshall, Walter and Albert Wood of Roaring River; 2 daughters, Mrs. Belle Burcham, Roaring River and Mrs. Epsie Blevins, Hays.

He joined the church at Rachel, January 6, 1906, where he remained a member. On the first Saturday in June, 1930, he was ordained a deacon of this church.

His first wife died April 12, 1956. He married Mrs. Sina Combs August 16, 1957.

He leaves his weeping companion; seven loving children; 41 grand-

children; 32 great-grandchildren; one brother, W. H. Wood of Springhope; one sister, Mrs. Clementine Cothren, Roaring River; and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe Heaven is his gain.

Dear husband and father you are gone from us,
Never here any more in our home will you be,
But never will your memory fade,
Around the grave where you are laid.
Gone but not forgotten.

SHOBER MATHEW ADAMS

Shober Mathew Adams, son of the late Rubin Adams and Slina Blackburn Adams, was born January 19, 1883 and departed this life July 17, 1959, making his stay on earth 76 years, 5 months, and 28 days.

He married Nelia Whilty on November 17, 1906. To this union was born ten children, four girls and six boys namely:

Lester Adams, Washington, D. C.; Olen Adams, Simpson Adams, Clifton Adams, and Lemon Adams all of Hays, N. C.; Clinton Adams, North Wilkesboro, Route 1; Mrs. Clarence Shumate, High Point; Mrs. Garnis Miles, Mrs. Claude Bowers, and Mrs. Floyd Minton all of Hays. There are 27 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is his wife Nelia Adams, one brother, Wheeler Adams, and one sister, Ila Adams of Hays.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined New Covenant Baptist Church in 1940. He was later ordained as a deacon and served the church well so long as his health permitted.

Amid pain and tears, through his years
He was a father true,
We'll miss his face, at the old home place,
Like children always do.

But beyond all night, in the land of light,
Where loved ones once more meet,
With saints and blest, may we all rest,
And walk the golden street.

BEULAH BLEVINS BOBBITT

Beulah Blevins Bobbitt was born August 7, 1899, died August 13 1959.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Basin Creek and was baptised by Elders Wiley Combs and Johnny Hoppers. She later moved her membership to Round Mountain Church, where she remained a member until death.

On June 23, 1923, she married Herman Bobbitt. To this union was born four girls.

She departed this life, leaving the husband and girls, one brother and one sister to mourn her passing, together with a host of relatives and friends.

Written by request of some of Round Mountain Church members, by F. Q. Blevins.

CLARA BELLE COTHREN DIMMETTE

Clara Bell Cothren Dimmette, daughter of the late W. H. and Emma Pinkerton Cothren, was born in Des Moines, Iowa November 8, 1880, died March 6, 1959. Age 78 years, 3 months, 28 days.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Bethany Baptist Church, Saturday December 1, 1895. She moved her membership to Rachel Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was married to Charlie E. Dimmette, March 30, 1898. To this union was born eight children, six now living. The living are: Mrs. Curtis Johnson, Roaring River, Rt. 1; Weaver Dimmette, Ronda; Edgar Dimmette and Ramon Dimmette, Roaring River Rt. 1; Will and Paul Dimmette, Winston-Salem. Her husband, one son and one daughter preceded her in death several years ago.

She leaves six children, 37 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, four brothers, seven sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe that Heaven is her gain.



She has gone from earth to glory,
Gone to live with Christ above,
Where no sorrow ne'er can enter,
Where all is peace and joy and love.

We thank God she was a Christian,
Lived her life as best she knew,
And we know some day we'll meet her,
If to Jesus we'll be true.

The Golden Gate was open,
A gentle voice said "Welcome Home,"
And with these her last words spoken,
I must leave you all, she calmly entered home.

Oh mother how we miss you,
In our homes here on earth below,
But we'll meet you mother up in Heaven,
When from earth we are called to go.

—Myrtle L. Johnson

JOHN WILLIAM WADDELL

John William Waddell, son of the late Colby and Elizabeth Cheek Waddell, was born March 1, 1879, died December 9, 1958. Age 79 years, 9 months, 8 days.

He married Victoria Waddell, August 28, 1902. To this union was

born four children, three living. They are Ivy Waddell, Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Pearl Renegar and Mrs. Ruby Ballard, Winston-Salem.

Early in life he professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Round Mountain, where he remained a member.

His wife and one daughter, Mae, preceded him in death some time ago.

He leaves three loving children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Nannie Higgins, Winston-Salem and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe Heaven is his gain.

Dear father and grandfather, you are gone from us,
Never here any more in our home will you be,
But never will your memory fade,
Around the grave where you are laid.
Gone but not forgotten.

JOHN AHART HOLLOWAY

John Ahart Holloway, son of the late Henry Holloway and Elsie Jane Richardson Holloway, was born May 22, 1881, died August 14, 1958. Age 77 years, 2 months, 23 days.

He was married to Mattie Walker in December, 1907, and to this union was born six children, all living. They are: Mrs. Connie Church, Traphill; Mrs. Mae Ring, Elkin; Lester Holloway, Elkin; Clifton Holloway, State Road; Mrs. Troy Cooper, Elkin; and Mrs. Georgie Lee Barker, Roaring River.

He is survived by his widow, and the six children; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren, and numerous friends and relatives.

He professed a hope in Christ and united with Bethany Baptist Church when a young man, where his membership remained.

Another father has run the race,
To leave in the home a vacant place,
But his past life does us inspire,
To live for Christ and never tire.
That when our race on earth is trod,
We may live forever with Papa's God.

EFFIE LYON BAUGUCESS

Effie Lyon Bauguess, daughter of the late Hiram and Fannie Smoot Lyon, was born September 6, 1885, died February 24, 1959. Age 73 years.

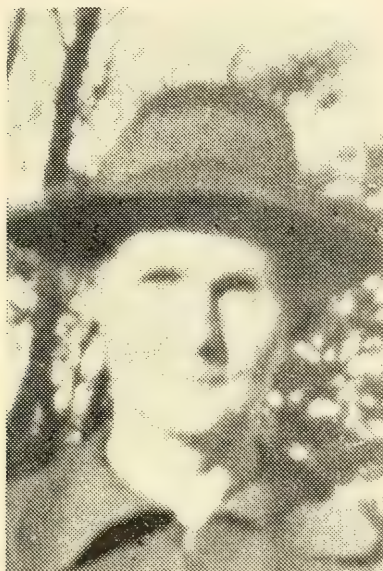
She professed a hope in Christ and united with Round Hill Church several years ago, where her membership remained until death.

Her husband, Treely Bauguess, died in 1924.

Surviving are four sons, Lester Bauguess, June Bauguess of Winston-Salem; Philo Bauguess, Copeland; Dean Bauguess, Traphill; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Holbrook, Traphill; Mrs. Thelma Garis, Winston-Salem; 19 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Miss Emma Lyon Traphill, Mrs. Flora Billings and Mrs. Flossie Crabb, Route 1, Traphill.

ALICE VICTORIA ELLEDGE STAMPER

Alice Victoria Elledge Stamper, was born October 5, 1889, died February 6, 1959 making her stay on earth 69 years, 4 months, 1 day.



She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Walnut Grove, later she moved her letter to Mountain Valley Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She married Arthur Stamper in September, 1907, who survives. Unto this union was born thirteen children, nine living, four dead. The living are: Arnold Stamper, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. D. S. Osborne, China Grove; Earl Stamper, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Bradley Perry McGrady; Wade Stamper, China Grove; Charlie and John Stamper, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Chester Sidden, Wilbar; Lee Stamper of the U. S. Air Force; 36 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jess Elledge, West Virginia; Charlie Elledge, McGrady; Roby Elledge, Moravian Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Haynes, North

Wilkesboro; Emma Elledge, Morganton, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She was a good companion, a good mother and a good neighbor in her community and was loved by all who knew her. She endured her suffering with patience and spoke often of a brighter day. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Remember friends as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now soon you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me.
Gone but not forgotten.

WILLIAM SYLVANUS BILLINGS

William Sylvanus Billings, youngest son of the late Thomas and Jane Thornton Billings, was born May 19, 1871, died January 5, 1959. Age 87 years, 7 months, 17 days.

He was married to Margaret Jane Ledbetter about 1890. She died in 1935. To this union was born seven children, four deceased. The living are: Paul Billings, Elkin; Banner Billings Route 2, Elkin; Carmel Billings, Jonesville.

In addition to his three children he is survived by 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He professed a hope in Christ and united with Rachel Baptist Church about 60 years ago, where he was a regular attendant and faithful member until late last year, when his health was so he was not able to go.

He lived an exemplary Christian life and was very devoted to his

church and Sunday School. He thoroughly enjoyed and usually attended the Association.

His vacant seat, our eyes will meet,
When at Rachel we gather again,
While he will rest, with all the blest,
To suffer no more pain.

Full strength was given, at eighty seven,
He still could see to read,
A lonely life, without his wife,
His God supplied his need.

While ages roll, his blood bought soul,
Enjoys a Heavenly rest,
Without a doubt, to sing and shout,
Where nothing can molest.

MARTHA LEE IDA MARTIN BLACKBURN

Martha Lee Ida Martin Blackburn, wife of Noah Blackburn, was born June 19, 1889, making her stay here on earth 70 years, 2 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of Sarah Chambers and W. H. Martin.

She was married to Noah Blackburn, March 1, 1921. To this union was born three children.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, later she moved her membership to Bethany Baptist, Saturday, July 4, 1934.

She is survived by her husband and children, Robert Blackburn, Santa Monica, California, Barney Blackburn of Jonesville, and Mrs. James Haynes, Route 2, North Wilkesboro; four grandchildren; one brother, J. C. Martin of Elkin, several nieces, nephews and a host of friends and neighbors.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
Gone but not forgotten.

ELIZABETH JANIE BILLINGS

Elizabeth Janie Billings was born in Wilkes County January 10, 1879, daughter of the late Pat and Wadie Pruitt Holbrook.

She departed this life January 15, 1959 at the age of 80 years and 5 days.

Mrs. Billings professed faith in Christ in early life and joined with Round Hill Baptist Church where she remained until death.

She was married to W. Tyre Billings October 24, 1909 and to this union was born three children. She was preceded in death by her husband and two children in infancy.

She is survived by the following loved ones: one son, Dean Billings of Traphill; one granddaughter, Tonya Billings of Traphill; two brothers, Joe Holbrook of State Road and Will Holbrook of Wiesner, Idaho.

ENNIS MAE BLACKBURN

Ennis Mae Blackburn, daughter of the late Franklin and Sarah Crouse Blackburn, was born May 12, 1880, died March 13, 1959. Age 78 years, 10 months, 1 day.

She married Leander Marshall Wood, Feb. 16, 1902. To this union was born eight children, one died in infancy, Lola died in 1954. The living are: Carl, Rom and Rex Wood of Roaring River, Rt. 1; Albert Wood of the U. S. Air Force; Mrs. Esther Sparks, Elkin and Mrs. Mae Johnson, Roaring River, Route 1.

She is survived in addition to her children and husband by one sister, Miss Ellen Blackburn, Yadkinville, and 10 grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with Rachel Baptist Church August 10, 1934, where she remained a devoted and faithful member.

Our mother dear, to us so near,
Has quietly passed away,
To be at rest, with all the blest,
In one eternal day.

VESTAL WILES

Vestal Wiles, son of the late Lansy and Rosa Ingool Wiles, was born November 21, 1900. Departed this life June 1, 1959, making his stay on earth 58 years, 6 months, 10 days.

He was married to Miss Ethel Wiles. To this union was born 11 children. Two preceded him in death, nine surviving. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

He united with New Covenant Church in 1930 by letter. In November, 1939, he was ordained as a deacon and served the church until death.

We feel the church has lost a good member, the companion a good husband and the children a loving father.

Children if you want to see father again, you must make your peace calling and election sure, for we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

To sister Wiles, we know you see many lonely hours, but the sweet thought of not long from this, you and brother Vestal can meet again, where sad partings will be no more.

Funeral services were conducted at New Covenant Church by the Rev. J. S. Bryant and Rev. Arthur Gambill. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Written by request, T. A. Miles.

MARTHA JANE SMOOT BLEVINS

Martha Jane Smoot Blevins, daughter of the late Gabriel and Susanna Holbrook Smoot, was born October 25, 1870, died April 1, 1959. Age, 88 years, 5 months, 6 days.

She married Alexander Blevins, April 10, 1888. To this union was born thirteen children, seven living and six dead. The living are: Garfield Blevins, Roaring River; Elmore Blevins, Hays; Bert Blevins, North Wilkesboro; John Blevins, Henderson, Md.; Smith Blevins, Traphill; Mrs. Emma Crabb, Traphill; and Mrs. Della Ellis, Crumpler.

Early in life she professed a hope in Christ and joined the

church at Basin Creek, some years later she joined the church at Rachel, where she remained a member.

Her father, mother, husband, six children and one half-sister preceded her in death some years ago.

She leaves seven loving children, 37 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, six half-brothers, four half-sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, while it is our loss we believe that Heaven is her gain.

A mother dear, who was so near,
Has passed us in life's race,
Has gone to dwell, where all is well,
And left a vacant place.

We do not tell, loved ones farewell,
We only say good bye,
And cast our eyes to fairer skies,
Our fathers home on high.
Gone but not forgotten.

WILLIAM AVERY ROOPE

William Avery Roope was born October 8, 1876, passed away May 23, 1959, making his stay on earth 82 years, 7 months, and 15 days.

He was married to Rhoda Jane Felts March 4, 1896 and unto this union were born six children. Two died in infancy. The remaining children are Mrs. L. J. Richardson, Sherman and Norman Roope, and Lura Billings all of Hays. Also surviving are his wife; two brothers, T. M. Roope and Babe Roope; 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

He once belonged to the church at Oak Ridge, then later he joined at Round Mountain and remained a member until his death.

We feel that he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to rest until the Resurrection Morning.

Daddy has gone and left us,
Many memories will remain,
But we will try to meet over yonder
Where there will be no more pain.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

JAMES ERWIN WALKER

James Erwin Walker was born July 21, 1872, died in 1959.

He was first married to Miss Cora Caudill, to this union was born five children.

Second marriage was to Miss Martha Lou Spicer.

Third marriage was to Miss Florence Osborne, January 18, 1920.

To this union was born one daughter.

He joined Double Creek Church more than 45 years ago. He enjoyed going to church and loved for the minister and his friends

to visit his home. His was always a warm welcome, with the remark, "You don't come often enough."

He was afflicted for four years, but was patient with his suffering and confinement.

He leaves his wife, five children, Charlie L. Walker Lashmeet, W. Va., Nora Shepherd, Clarence Walker, Kannapolis, Lura Joines, Stewartston, Pa., Katherine Eller, Winston-Salem; one sister, Delia Caudill, Hays.

He was preceded in death by two wives, one son Claudie, his father, mother, one sister and seven brothers.

Funeral service was held at Double Creek Church in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives with a mass of beautiful flowers. Burial was in the family cemetery.

We feel if he could have spoken, he would have said "Farewell, vain world I'm going home."

My Saviour bids me come,
Sweet Angels beckon from on high,
Then oh, how sweet to die.

JUNE CORNELIUS HOWARD

June Cornelius Howard, son of the late Thomas and Lilla Smith Howard, was born in Davie County July 28, 1897 and departed this life September 1, 1959 at the age of 62 years, 1 month and 2 days.

He was married to Sallie Byrd who survives. Also surviving are six sons, Clyde and Carl Howard of Route 1, Roaring River; Norman, J. C. Jr., Eric and Bobby Howard all of Winston-Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Marion Huff and Mrs. Troy Gordon of Winston-Salem; 13 grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas and Sam Howard of Advance and Dove Howard of Norfolk, Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Shields and Mrs. Carl Myers of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Leonard Howard of Advance.

Mr. Howard was a member of Rachel Baptist Church for a number of years.

Our brother June, has gone so soon,
From a life of toil and pain,
No struggle for breath, no fear of death,
Will e'er molest again.

He saw this time, while in life's prime,
And did for it prepare,
So in a land of bliss, more fair than this,
He meets the morning fair.

We need not doubt, as he goes out,
And leaves us here alone,
That he did repent, and peace was sent,
And Christ became his own.

He's earned the rest, with all God's blest,
And we again may meet,
If here below, we wisely go,
And his spirit guides our feet.

Then a fond farewell, to him we tell,
And for that morning wait,
When the trumpet shall sound, and from the ground,
We meet at the Golden Gate.

NELIA ELIZABETH WOOD

Nelia Elizabeth Wood, wife of C. W. Wood, passed away January 15, 1958. She was born October 20, 1889, in Wilkes County, daughter of John and Louise Brown Wood.

She was married to C. W. Wood, November 22, 1907. To this union was born seven children.

She is survived by her husband and children as follows: Mrs. Louise Wall and Mrs. Esta Zimmerman of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jo Ann English of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Ila Wiles, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Mary Landreth of Pomeroy, Ohio; Fred Wood of Hickory, Curtis Wood of North Wilkesboro; and 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers, L. W. Wood of North Wilkesboro and McKinley Wood of Siler City.

Mother dear has gone and left us;
Down in this world below,
She has gone on to Heaven,
And with Christ shall dwell I know.

While on earth with grief and sorrow,
Of God's word she did abide,
Now she has gone to Heaven,
And is standing at his side.

But do not mourn my brother,
For she dwells up in the sky,
And if you'll live for Jesus,
You can meet her when you die.

Written by: Curtis Wood.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New church of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Association, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at

any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Association and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any members who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and are born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Number Teachers	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin.....	B. C. Speaks.....	Carol Caudill.....	5	91	52	12
Bethany.....	Glenn Wood.....	Marjorie Caudill.....	3	76	46	12
Double Creek.....	Bob Alexander.....	Kyle Johnson.....	3	26	19	9
Mining Ridge.....	Ira Billings.....	Lexie Lyons.....	3	75	50	12
New covenant.....	Ted Wiles.....	Margie Wiles.....	6	81	60	12
Oak Level.....	T. D. Carter.....	Dicie Gentry.....	6	129	87	12
Rachel.....	Curtis Johnson.....	Mary E. McCann.....	6	140	85	12
Roaring River.....	R. A. Sidden.....	Doris Holbrook.....	4	70	40	12
Round Hill.....	Bill Triplett.....	Eddie Triplett.....	3	65	40	12
Round Mountain.....	J. E. Caudill.....	Marie Brown.....	5	50	45	12
Union.....	John R. Royall.....	H. W. Cox.....	5	95	61	12
Zion.....	Ranzy Harrold.....	Margie Williams.....	4	110	67	12
TOTALS.....			53	1008	652	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Church Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Application	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Time of Communion
Austin	Ivan Dameron	B. C. Speaks, Traphill	1	1	1	1				1			77	12.00	July
Bethany	Ivan Dameron	Glenn Wood, R2, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	4	2						1	103	10.00	July
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill, Berch Handy	A. M. Holbrook, Traphill		2						1			44	9.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	Charlie Miles	M. C. Brown, Traphill		1	1								9	3.50	Aug.
Liberty Knob	Charlie Miles, H. F. Royal	J. N. Royall, Roaring Gap	1	3	3					1			40	20.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles														
	Spencer Norman, R. A. Cox	Cabel Cox, Thurmond	2	2	3								40	13.91	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Arthur Gambill, Berch Handy	J. H. Stamper, McGrady		1	2					1		1	102	10.00	Aug.
New Covenant	Arthur Gambill	T. A. Miles, R1, Hays		3	11	1				1	1	3	109	12.00	Aug.
Oak Level	Olin Barker	Robert Barker, R. River	2	1	3	1	3			2			131	10.00	Aug.
Rachel	L. E. Sparks	Curtis Johnson, R. River	1	1	16	6						6	212	11.15	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles														
	W. E. Hicks Jr.	Walter McBride	3	4						1			134	15.00	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks, Dewey Holbrook	Bland Lowe, State Road	1	1	2	3	1			2		1	104	11.25	Aug.
Round Mtn.	A. C. Sidden	T. R. Blevins Sr., Hays	3	1	1					4		3	68	10.00	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	Dorothy Royal, Thurmond	1	2	7								98	17.00	July
Zion	D. C. Miller, R. F. Harrold	G. E. Dillard, R1, McGrady	3	1	4	3	4			2	3		77	12.00	July
TOTALS			18	4	49	15	2	17	1	15	1348	176.81			

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